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SUBJ: U.S. VISIT OF PORTUGUESE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ENERGY

1. GOP DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ENERGY, ENG SIDONIO PAES, PLANS TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONFERENCE IN BANFF, CANADA SEPTEMBER 17-21. DURING HIS RETURN TRIP TO PORTUGAL, HE WISHES TO VISIT DOE AND ERDA OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON. PAES WOULD LIKE TO SPEND SEPT. 25 WITH DOE DEPARTMENT-LEVEL OFFICERS AND SEPT. 26 WITH ERDA OFFICIALS. DURING SEPT. 26 CALLS AT ERDA HE WOULD BE JOINED BY PROF. VEIGA SIMAO, DIRECTOR OF GOP'S NATIONAL ENGINEERING AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY (LNITI), WHO WILL BE IN U.S. ON SEPARATE PROGRAM. PAES AND SIMAO HAVE ALREADY ARRANGED PROGRAMS AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND UN AGENCIES FOLLOWING THEIR WASHINGTON VISIT.

2. PAES' MAIN OBJECTIVE AT DOE WILL BE TO LEARN ABOUT U.S.G. ORGANIZATIONS IN THE ENERGY FIELD. HE HOPES TO OBTAIN IDEAS THAT HE CAN APPLY TO HIS OWN ORGANIZATION, WHICH WAS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED AS A DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY. PAES WISHES TO FOCUS HIS DISCUSSIONS AT ERDA ON STATUS OF RESEARCH AND APPLICATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES, PARTICULARLY SOLAR, WIND AND WAVE/TIDAL ENERGY. ADDITIONALLY, PAES WISHES TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY FOR U.S.-GOP ENERGY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION.

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3. FYI. NEW DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR ENERGY COMBINES THE FORMER DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR FUELS, THE NUCLEAR ENERGY BOARD, AND THE MINISTRY'S ELECTRICITY POLICY FUNCTIONS, EACH OF WHICH IS NOW A SEPARATE UNIT WITHIN THE NEW DIRECTORATE-GENERAL. FOUR ADDITIONAL UNITS WILL BE INSTALLED IN DUE COURSE: NEW TECHNOLOGIES, ENERGY CONSERVATION, PLANNING AND INFORMATION. PREPARATIONS FOR INSTALLATION OF ENERGY

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CONSERVATION UNIT ARE WELL ADVANCED. LNITI LAB CARRIES
OUT ENERGY R & D, BUT ALSO ENGAGES IN NON-ENERGY INDUSTRIAL
RESEARCH. END FYI.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER DOE/ERDA
CAN ARRANGE A PROGRAM FOR PAES AND SIMAO. DEPARTMENT
SUGGESTIONS FOR OTHER POSSIBLE USG CONTACTS WOULD BE
WELCOME.
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